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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**SERIAL NO.:** 09/981,178 **GROUP ART UNIT:** 3763  
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**FOR:** TROCAR SYSTEM  
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**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

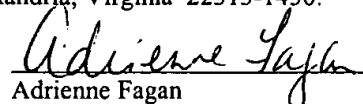
Claim 1 (Cancelled)

2. (Previously presented) A trocar system as recited in claim 3 wherein the movement of the release member causes the blocking surface to be displaced out of axial alignment with the

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